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GORE



Manson, 3 Women Get Death Penalty

Defendants Threaten Tate Jurors

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Los Angeles

A jury — ignoring defense plans for a "gift of life" — decreed death in San Quentin Prison's gas chamber yesterday for Charles Manson and three women followers convicted of seven murders in the Sharon Tate case.

None of the defendants faced the jurors during the action. All were thrown out for shouting derogatory comments.

Manson was first out, because any verdict would be his, he said. "I don't see how you can get by with this. You don't have no authority over me. You're not nearly as good as me. This is not the people's courtroom."

The judge ordered him to be quiet, then ordered him out. The three women, their formerly long hair cropped close to their heads, sat silent. The defense plan for death was pronounced for Manson. Then Patricia Krenwinkel, 22, spoke to jurors: "You've all just judged yourselves."

GAME
Then Susan Atkins, 21, shouted angrily, "It's gonna be death! It's gonna be death! Protect your kids!" When the judge ordered her out, she writhed from a bailiff and shouted at the judge, "Remove yourself from the face of the earth. You're all fools."

She was led out, followed by Miss Krenwinkel, who mouthed, "The whole system is a game." Then Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, 20, and Leonid Wau-Benton, who also muttered, "You've all just judged yourselves."

The same seven men and five women who convicted the four of first-degree murder and conspiracy last January 25 chose the death penalty over the only alternative, life imprisonment with the possibility of parole.

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\$100,000 Fee for Calley Book

Washington

Film Lieutenant William

Calley is splitting \$100,000 with Esquire magazine's former Vietnam war correspondent, John Sack, for publication of Calley's exclusive memoirs. He was learned yesterday.

Thomas H. Guernsey, president of Viking Press Inc., said the book entitled "Lt. Calley: An American Tragedy," will be published

July 26. Work on the book is virtually complete, Guernsey said, and it is based on extensive interviews Sack had with Calley over a period of months. He and Sack have interviewed Calley since his court-martial.

He said Calley signed a contract with Viking last fall. It was approved by Colonel Rald Kennedy, the presiding judge at Calley's recent court martial.



Calley Sobs

RECORD THAT'S GOING VERY BIG IN COUNTRY

WASHINGTON — (NNS) — The Nashville music company has produced "The Battle Hymn of Lt. Calley" in the running with another record its president believes will sell four million copies: "The Battle Hymn of Lt. Calley."

Set to the tune of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," it is an unabashed condemnation of Calley's conviction and sentence to life imprisonment.

The ballad is "the most of other country-and-western tunes that has a ring in traditional values while criticizing the pretense and changing social values of American youth."

William Irons

Shelby Singleton, president of Plantation Records, said he expected "The Battle Hymn" to sell a million copies by Wednesday, 12 days after the album's release, which was timed to coincide with the Calley court-martial verdict.

The lyrics were written by Julia Wilson and James Smith, both of Muscle Shoals, Ala., where the song was recorded last December by a pick-up group called C-Company, featuring Terry Nelson.

Initial Reaction

Initial reaction to the record was mixed, according to the hit charts. Singleton said he had orders for more than 300,000 copies by late yesterday and record presses would run through the weekend to meet the demand.

The Calley ballad began by saying that "once upon a time" there was a little boy who wanted to grow up to be a soldier, to serve his country any way he could.

The boy put a sauceman on his head for helmet and paraded about with a sword and flag.

Calley seemed pleased with the song, which was on the defense table and his neck appeared to reddish at times during the 35-minute reading by Court of Inquiry court-martial witnesses to say he saw Calley kill anyone.

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Besides those 30 slayings, Calley also accused of other executions at least 10 other executions in a drainage ditch to the east of My Lai, where they were forced to smoke marijuana, sniff cocaine and take a number of pills.

He told police he was walking up the trail a little bit. There I saw Lieutenant Calley and some other soldiers. As I came up, Lieutenant Calley told us to round up people."

Q. Can you describe these people?

Women and children, down to 2 or 3 years old. I brought them back to where the command post was on the trail.

Q. How many were there?

At the time, I guess 30 or 40 people all women and children. I remember one old man.

He is still applying the drug and will use a computer to determine final results. He hand-analyzed the 1000 questionnaires for the pre-

Calley Found Guilty Of My Lai Murders

Nixon Orders Calley Freed



LIEUTENANT CALLEY (LEFT) AFTER HEARING THE VERDICT

VEITCH AND IRONS HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE

"LEGION OF CHARLIES" COMIC DEFENDED

IN THE FACE OF UNEXPECTED PUBLIC UPHEAVER OVER THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THEIR LATEST UNDERGROUND COMIC, TOM VEITCH AND GREG IRONS HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE IN S.F. TO DEFEND THEIR WORK.

"IT'S LIKE THIS," SAID TALL RED-HAIRED IRONS, ARTIST OF THE L.C.'S STRIP. "WE'RE PROTESTING A GOVERNMENT THAT DEHUMANIZES ITS CITIZENS AND MAKES ROBOT KILLERS OUT OF THEM."

250 LB. WRITER VEITCH AGREED.

"WE'VE TAKEN THE LOGIC INHERENT IN TODAY'S NEWS AND CARRIED IT TO ABSURDITY. THE WHOLE THING IS A PICTURE OF WHAT'S ROTTEN IN THE AMERICAN PSYCHE. IT'S A NON-PARTISAN WORK OF IMAGINATION AIMED TOWARD A PUBLIC CATHARSIS."

EMINENT CRITIC H.-I. SABAH WAS ON HAND TO LEAD SUPPORT. "DIS EES ALL GOOD FUN," HE SAID. "DIS BOOK GOT MANY YUK YUKS."

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A.P. Times Service

Fort Benning, Ga.

First Lieutenant William L. Calley Jr. was found guilty yesterday of the premeditated murder of at least 22 South Vietnamese civilians during the massacre at My Lai three years ago.

He faces a mandatory sentence of death or life imprisonment.

Arguments will be heard today by the same jury of six officers, and the punishment probably will be announced this afternoon.

An appeal is automatic within 30 days of the military court system and could consume months.

The verdict in this grisly and protracted war crimes trial, the longest in the history of military justice, was announced after 75 hours and 56 minutes of deliberation stretching over three days.

SILENCE

Calley, a stocky 27-year-old former college dropout who left his platoon on a savage sweep through an undefended hamlet called My Lai on March 16, 1968, was convicted before the sky box in the small, harshly lit courtroom. Silence fell over the courtroom.

He stiffly saluted the president of the jury, Colonel Clinton F. Ford, a graying, 53-year-old veteran of World War II and Korea. Ford remained silent and then, in a gentle voice, began reading the verdict.

The government had charged Calley with four specifications of premeditated murder of at least 102 men, women and children at My Lai. The first specification stated that Calley slaughtered 22 men, women and children along a trail at the south end of the village.

Ford read the jury's finding on that first specification: "Guilty."

But Ford then went on to

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PROLOGUE:

A WRITE YOU
COMBAT-HAPPY JOES—
THIS HERE VILLAGE IS A
CONG HIDEOUT ... WE'RE GONNA
HAFTA WIPE 'EM ALL OUT!



LET'S MOVE
IN!



PARANOIA IS LOVE!
IF YOU LOVE ME YOU WILL
DO AS I SAY, AND I SAY THAT
PIGGIES MUST
DIE!



LET'S GET
'EM!

WE GOT ORDERS FROM
UPSTAIRS TO KILL EVERY-
THING THAT MOVES...

EVEN WOMEN AND CHILD-
REN LIEUTENANT? EVEN
OLD GRANDFATHERS AND
GRANDMOTHERS?

YEA, WE'RE GONNA
KILL 'EM ALL! THE ONLY
GOOK YOU CAN TRUST IS A
DEAD GOOK! AIN'T YOU
LEARNED THAT BY NOW?

GOD HAS ANOINTED ME
HIS ANGEL OF DEATH!
FOLLOW ME, MY SISTERS!

WE'RE WITH YOU, CHARLIE...
YOU TAUGHT US HOW TO LOVE,
NOW TEACH US HOW TO KILL!

IT'S EASY!
AND WHEN THE ECSTASY
OF THE KILL IS OVER, YOU
WILL FEEL A PEACE
BEYOND UNDERSTANDING!



**NO! PLEASE AMERICAN
SOLDIER! WE HAVE DONE
NOTHING! LEAVE US ALONE
TO TEND OUR CHILDREN
AND OUR CROPS!
AIEE!**

**YOU COMMIE GOOK CREEPS!
12 OF MY BUDDIES DIED IN
YOUR FILTHY TRAPS! YOUR
CHILDREN DON'T DESERVE
TO LIVE!**



**W-WHO ARE YOU?
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
GET OUT OF THIS HOUSE!**

**RICH PIGGIES DON'T DE-
SERVE TO LIVE! CHARLIE IS
CHRIST! YOU ARE ALL GO-
ING TO DIE!**



KILL 'EM! GET 'EM!

LIN THE REST OF THE VILLAGE
UP BY THE RICE PADDY!

WE'LL FINISH THIS JOB REAL QUICK!

Y-YES SIR!

BLAM
KBLAM

KPOW

MY BABY! I'M GOING TO
HAVE A BABY.

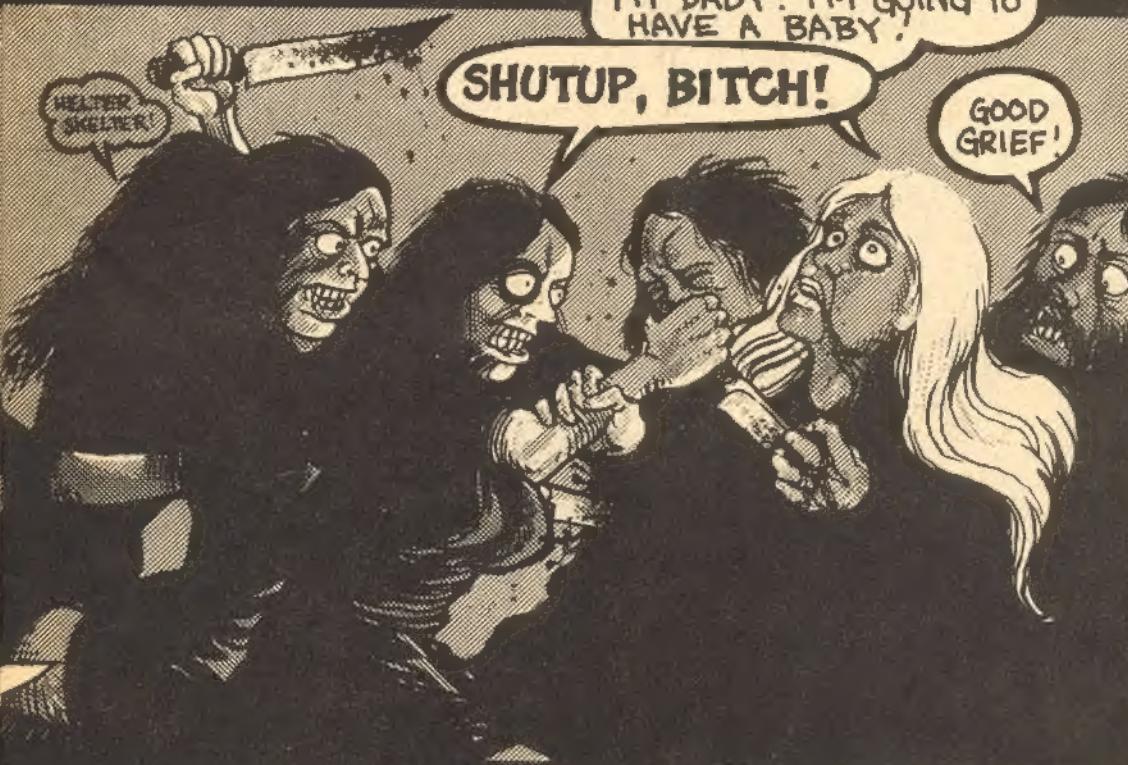
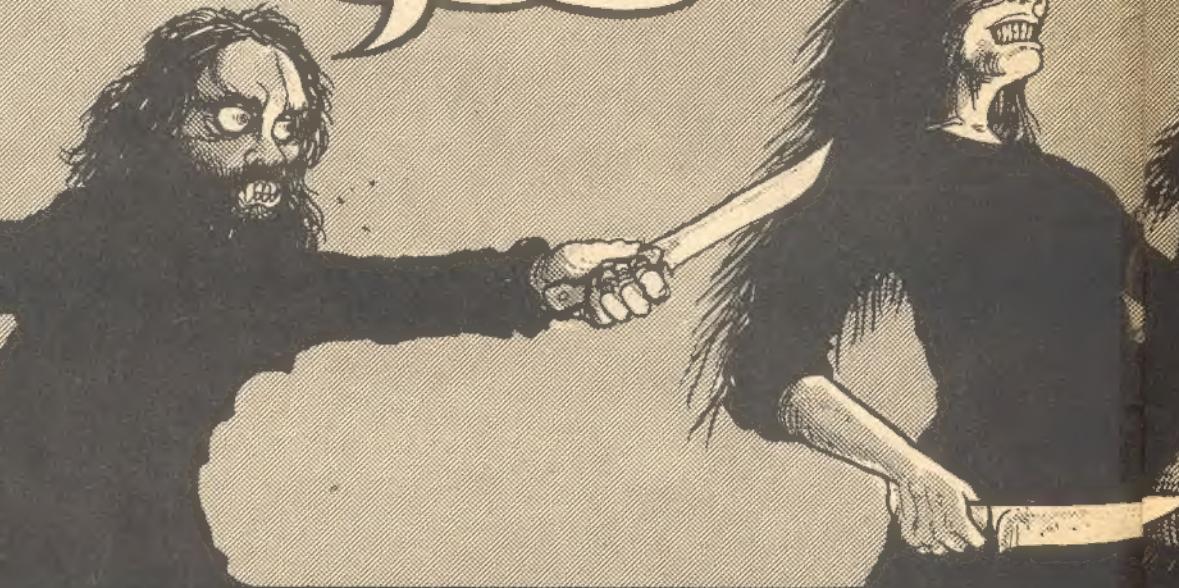
SHUTUP, BITCH!

GOOD
GRIEF!

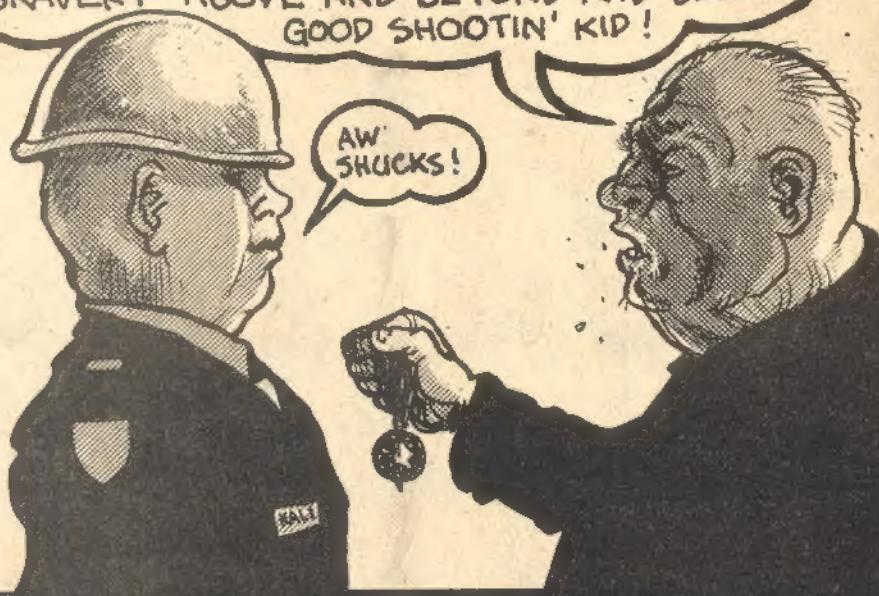
WHEN THE BLACK REVOLUTION COMES
WE WILL BE HEROS, SISTERS!
BY THE HOLY WORD OF THE BEATLES
WE WILL KILL!

NNNGGG!

HEATHER
SCHLEICK



RUSTY, ALTHOUGH YOU THOUGHTLESSLY
SNUFFED THE LIVES OF 400 GOOK WOMEN
AND CHILDREN, THE U.S. ARMY WANTS TO
APOLOGIZE FOR MAKING YOU A SCAPEGOAT AND
WISHES TO AWARD YOU THIS SILVER STAR FOR
BRAVERY ABOVE AND BEYOND AND BELOW!
GOOD SHOOTIN' KID!



CHARLIE, FOR THE UNSPEAKABLE MURDERS
OF AMERICA'S MOVIE STARS, AND FOR THE
HEINOUS CORRUPTION OF OUR DAUGHTERS,
IT IS MY PROUD DUTY TO PULL THIS
SWITCH AND SEND YOU TO YOUR
MAKER! MAY YOU ROAST IN
HELL FOREVER!



THE

OF

LEGION GUARDIANS



FREE AND ON THE STREET AGAIN,
'RUSTY' KALI MAKES IT TO SAN
FRANCISCO, HOME OF THE HAPPY
HIPPY...

I'M GONNA SCORE ME
SOME GOOD WEED AND FIND
ONE 'O THEM SWEET LITTLE
HIPPY CHICKS TO TAKE CARE
OF ME.. THEN I'M GONNA
LAY OUT AN' NOT DO SHIT!

ON BROADWAY, OL' RUSTY
IS IMPORTUNED BY ONE OF
S.F.'S FAMOUS PLASTIC TOP-
LESS CO-ED HOOKERS!



I SHOULDA TOLD
YOU, RONETTE, I
HAD A DOSE OF
THE BLACK
JUNGLE CLAP
WHILE I WAS IN
TH' NAM!

THAT'S OK,
I GOT VEN-
USIAN CLIT
ROT MY-
SELF!

FUCK
SCENE

YEAH... JUST BLOW
THOSE FUCKERS AWAY!
JUST... JUST...
NNNNNGGGH!
PUFF! PUFF!
JUST... NNNG!
KILL 'EM!
KILL!

HEY!
HEY! GET
OFF ME YOU FUCKIN'
WEIRDO! HEY!

HEY!
EASE UP!
YOU'RE
HURTING
ME!
URG!
I CAN'T HELP IT, RONETTE!
EVERY TIME I FUCK I FIND
MYSELF BACK AT THAT
DITCH IN MY LAI, M-16
COCKED AND LOADED!

KABLAM!

GOOKS! FUCKIN'
SLOPES! I'LL KILL
EVERY ONE OF
YA! I'LL ...

SMASH!
SLAM!
SLAM!
SLAM!
SLAM!

I'LL...
oops!

L.T. KALI WASHES UP
AND HITS THE STREETS
AGAIN...

JESUS,
I MUST HAVE A PSYCHO-
LOGICAL PROBLEM... MAY-
BE I BETTER SEE A
SHRINK!

PSST...!
CHARLIE!

FUCK! NOW I'M HAVIN'
HALUCINATIONS!

PARANOIA IS LOVE...
MURDER IS LOVE...

CHARLIE
IS
LOVE...

?!

CHARLIE!

WHAT THE FUCK!
I'M GETTIN' OUT
OF HERE!

CHARLIE!
HATE IS
LOVE!

LATER, IN GOLDEN
GATE PARK...

WHEW! LOST 'EM! THOSE
LITTLE BASTARDS CAN'T
BE REAL! SHIT! I MUST BE
ONE SICK FELLA!

PUFF
PANT!

MAYBE I OUGHT TO TAKE
THIS ACID RONETTE GAVE ME...
IT MIGHT CLEAN THE SHIT OUT
OF MY HEAD!

150-255

THINGS CAN'T
GET ANY WORSE,
THAT'S FOR SURE

FUSS

RUSTY KALI ! I NEED YOU, RUSTY !!



YES!
OH YES!

IN THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOWED, LT. KALI FOUND HIS TRUE SELF EMERGING,
AS HE WAS TRANSFORMED FROM A SAD VIET VET TO A DEDICATED FOLLOWER OF THE WORD OF CHARLIE!

CHARLIE...

CHARLIE...

CHARLIE...

MEANWHILE, IN EVERY PART
OF AMERICA, HUNDREDS OF
OTHER VETS WERE UNDER-
GOING SIMILAR EXPERIENCES.

...SO I HAD MY WHOLE FIST
UP THIS GOOK BABE'S TWAT.

CHARLIE...



AND AS DAYS PASSED, THEY WERE ALL
DRAWN RELENTLESSLY TOWARD A SIN-
GLE SPOT IN THE MOUNTAINS OF UTAH...

CHARLIE...

CHARLIE...



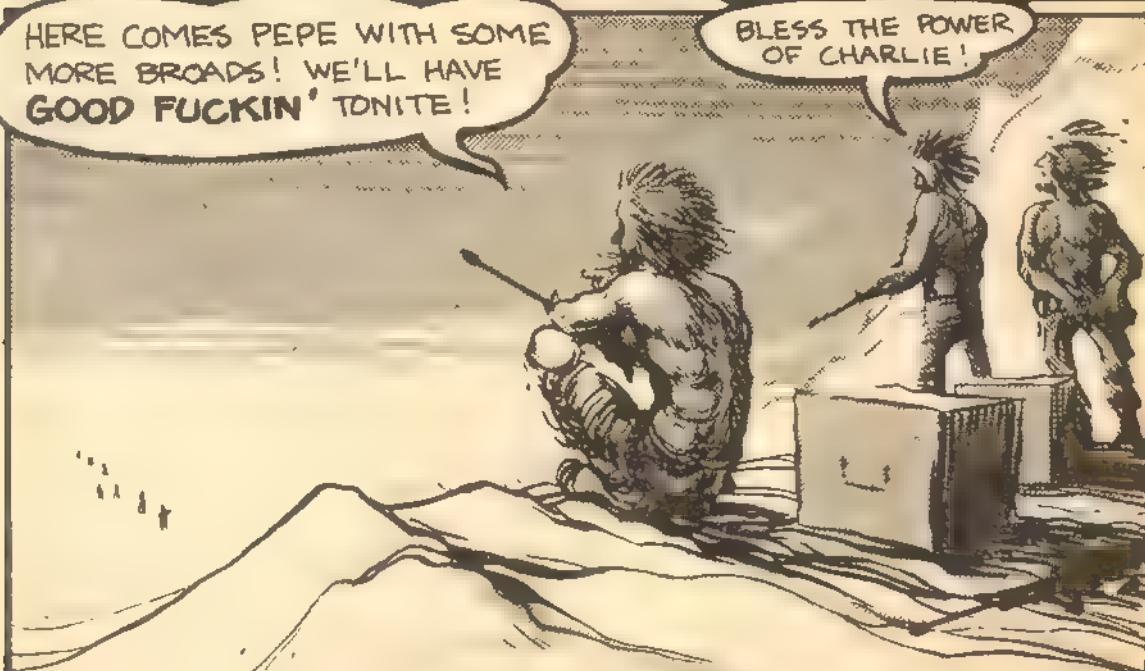
NOTHING WAS HEARD OF THESE BOYS FOR MANY MONTHS... THEN SUDDENLY A STRANGE SERIES OF DISAPPEARANCES BEGAN...



*TO THE TUNE OF "CHARLIE IS MY DARLIN'"

HERE COMES PEPE WITH SOME
MORE BROADS! WE'LL HAVE
GOOD FUCKIN' TONITE!

BLESS THE POWER
OF CHARLIE!



THAT NITE AROUND THE OLD CAMPFIRE...

BROTHERS AND SISTERS! LET US PREY!
--OH BOSS BUDDHA' CHARLIE, WHO LAID
DOWN YOUR MEAT TO SAVE US-- WIRE
US TO YOUR ELECTRICITY, FRAME US IN
YOUR GOLDEN GLOW, THAT WE MAY GROK
THE POWER OF YOUR EYEBALLS IN
OUR HEARTS!

RIGHT-FUCKIN-ON!

EAT CHARLIE!



THE CRAZED VETS AND THEIR CHICKS BEGIN TO CHANT —



CHARLIE CHARLIE CHARLIE CH



SUDDENLY SCARGO

FREE! I AM CHARLIE! I AM THE CHRIST! BECOME PART OF MY BODY! BECOME ONE! THERE IS ONLY ONE! I AM THE ONE! ME FIRST! HE WHO EATS MY FLESH AND DRINKS MY BLOOD EATS AND DRINKS ETERNAL LIFE! DEATH IS PSYCHOSOMATIC! DEATH IS LIFE! I AM YOU AND WHEN YOU ADMIT THAT YOU WILL BE FREE! TOTAL PARANOIA IS TOTAL AWARENESS...



I AM A MECHANICAL BOY...
I AM MY MOTHER'S TOY...



WE EAT OUR BROTHER FRED, BECAUSE YOUR POWER IS IN HIM, O CHARLIE! BY EATING HIM WE EAT YOU, AND BY EATING YOU WE EAT THE FOOD OF LOVE... AND ETERNAL LIFE!

BYE, FRED

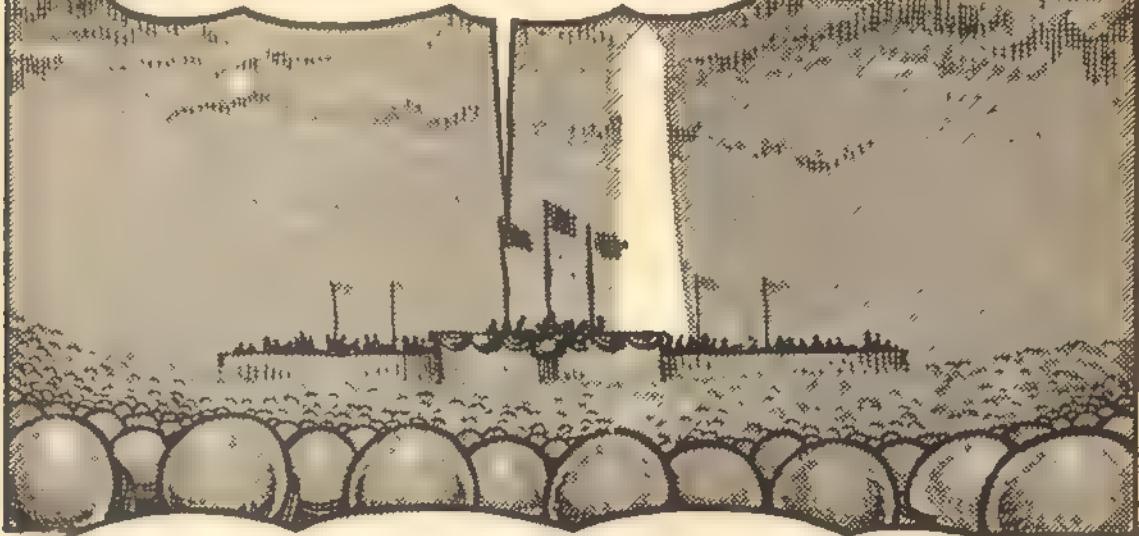
GOOD GROKIN'!
TOO BAD ROBT. HEINLEIN
AIN'T HERE TO DIG THIS!

HEY FELLA'S!
PRESIDENT NIXON'S
INVITED ALL THE VETS
TO D.C. FOR SHAKES
'N' BURGERS!



TWO WEEKS LATER IN WASHINGTON -

YOUNG MEN OF AMERICA! YOU HAVE SERVED YOUR COUNTRY WELL! PRESIDENT DICKIE AND MYSELF WELCOME YOU HOME FROM YOUR GREAT TASK OF PRESERVING YOUR NATION'S HONOR! AND WE KNOW YOU'LL THANK US BY RE-ELECTING US IN NOVEMBER!...



YOU HAVE FACED THE ENEMY AND HE HAS TASTED BITTER RICE (THANKS TO OUR DEFOLIANTS) NOW IF HE IS HUNGRY, LET HIM LICK HIS WOUNDS! AND IN THE YEARS OF PEACE AHEAD, AS OUR BOMBERS PATROL THE ASIAN SKYS, LET US REMEMBER THAT HE WAS A BRAVE ENEMY WHO FOUGHT LONG AND HARD... BUT IN THE END, THE AMERICAN WAY WAS MORE THAN HE COULD STOMACH!







STRAP HIM DOWN!
WE'LL GROK HIM
RIGHT HERE!

YESSIR, LT. KALI!

SCURRILOUS
BUFFOONS!

DON'T STRUGGLE, SIR...
WE'RE ONLY TRYING TO KNOW
YOU BETTER! WE LOVE YOU!

PORCINE
SCROFULA!



IN THE NAME OF CHARLIE,
WE BLESS THIS SACRED FOOD.
MAY HIS POWER BE ADDED TO
OURS, THAT ALL MEN MAY
LOVE ONE ANOTHER...

WHAT THE
FUCK!!?

AMEN,
BROTHER!

EATUM!



AT THAT MOMENT AT A GEORGETOWN SIDEWALK CAFÉ ...

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE HEROIN PROBLEM IN VIETNAM, SENATOR QUAGMIRE? MESSY, AINT IT?

YES, RATHER UNFORTUNATE BUSINESS... THE DAMNED SAIGON GOVERNMENT'S BEEN SLICING THE C.I.A.'S SHARE OF THE CAKE BY IMPORTING TONS OF CHEAPO CHINESE SMACK!

YOU DON'T SAY?

THAT'S A ...

SPLASH!

WELL, THE NEW LEFT WONT HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT HIM BECOMING PRESIDENT!

THERE WASN'T ANYTHING TO WORRY ABOUT ANYWAY... AT LEAST SIX GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WOULD'VE HAD A CONTRACT OUT ON HIM THE DAY HE TOOK OFFICE!

YA KNOW, I NEVER USED TO
UNDERSTAND ALL THOSE BIG
WORDS HE USED, BUT NOW
IT'S LIKE I CAN SEE WITH
HIS EYES...

TASTY TOO...

FELLAS, I THINK OLD CHARLIE
HAS TURNED US ON TO THE
BASIC MEANING OF LIFE...
YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT!

IK

TASTY TOO...

IF WE COULD GROK THE WHOLE
WORLD, THEN EVERYBODY REAL-
LY WOULD BE ONE, AND EVERY-
BODY WOULD BE INSIDE CHARLIE'S
LOVE!

YEAH, THAT'S GREAT,
BUT YOU CAN'T EAT
THE WHOLE WORLD!

SPIRO - BURGER
ANY BODY?

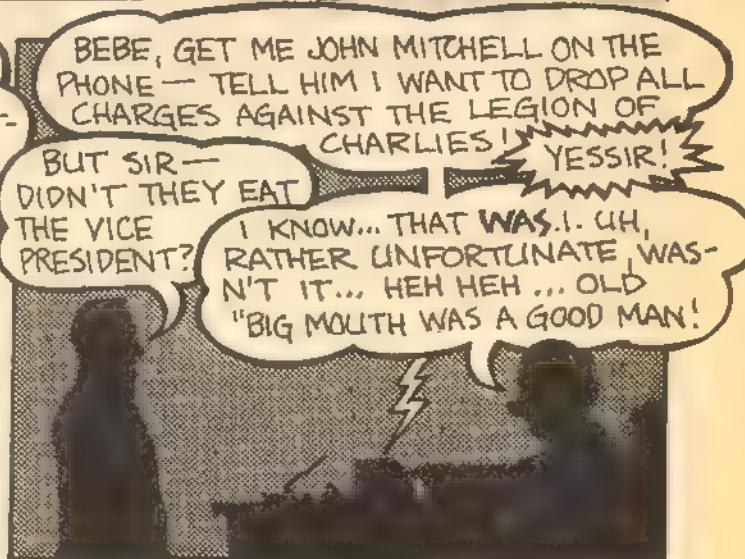
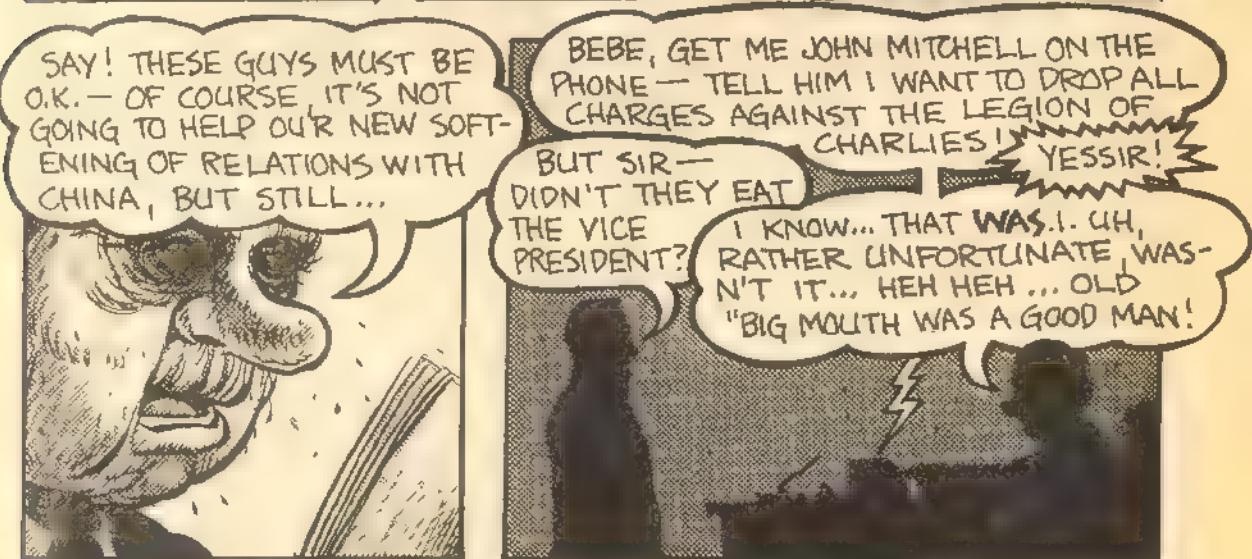
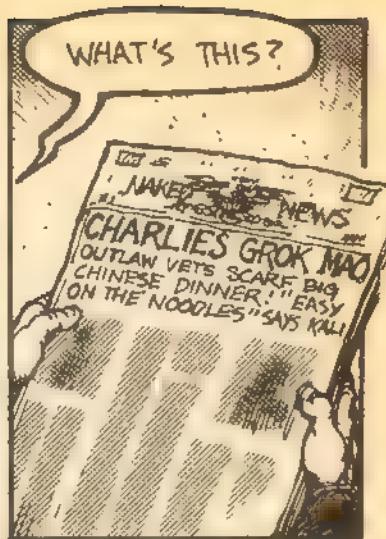
NO, BUT WE CAN EAT THE
MOST POWERFUL PEOPLE
IN THE WORLD - THE PEOPLE
THAT CONTROL EVERYBODY
ELSE, YA DIG?

WOW!
THEN WE'LL HAVE
THEIR POWER AND
CAN TURN **EVERY-**
BODY ON TO
CHARLIE!

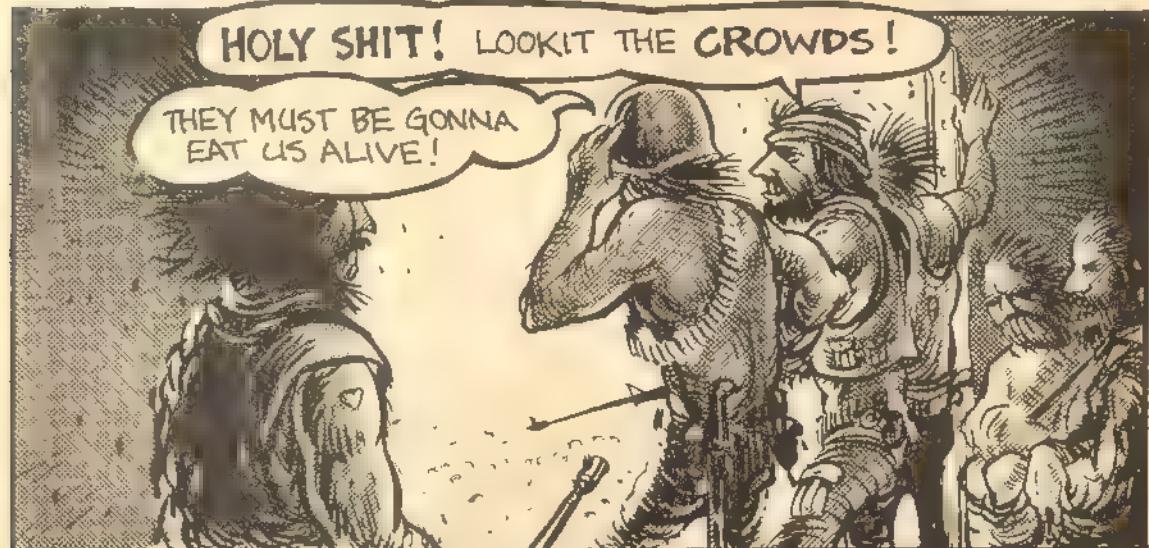
..AND SO, THE LEGION OF CHARLIES DID AS THEIR MASTER BADE
THIS GOD FORSAKEN PLANET!

THEM, AND CARRIED HIS HOLY GOSPEL TO EVERY PART OF





SO, WORD IS SENT TO THE LEGION OF CHARLIES, AND THEY RETURN TO NEW YORK, NOT KNOWING QUITE WHAT TO EXPECT—



THE CHARLIES LAND AND ARE GREETED BY PREZ NIX IN THE FLESH!

RUSTY, I DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU! ONCE AGAIN YOU'VE OUTDONE YOURSELF AGAINST THE YELLOW PERIL!

SHIT! IT WEREN'T NOTHIN' DICK! ACTUALLY, WE WUZ THINKIN' OF EATIN' YOU NEXT!

OH YEAH? HEH HEH... WELL, I DON'T KNOW QUITE HOW TO SAY THIS, RUSTY, BUT UP AT THE WHITE HOUSE WE'VE BEEN THINKING A LOT ABOUT YOUR "LEGION OF CHARLIES" PHILOSOPHY, AND WE THINK YOU MAY BE ON TO SOMETHING...

GEE, THAT'S GREAT, SIR!

YEAH, WE FIGURE NOW THAT YOU'VE EATEN THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL MEN, YOU MUST BE FULL OF THEIR POWER...

THAT'S RIGHT, SIR!

READY MEN?

...AND WE WANT THAT POWER!

WHA...?

GAK!

SEIZE THEM!



WALK FREE, RUSTY KALI. TAKE YOUR BROTHERS WITH YOU. THEY CANNOT HURT YOU. ... GO TO WILMINGTON CITY!



AND SO THE LITTLE BAND OF HELLDIVERS
QUARTERS INTO THE NIGHT AND ANOTHER CHAPTER
OF AMERICAN HISTORY SLAMS SHUT! BUT DO
NOT CRY - OUR BOYS WILL RETURN TO EAT AN-
OTHER CHAPTER! AND THEN WE DO ANOTHER
SAME. FOR IN TWENTH THEY ARE BUT AN AL-
LEGORY OF THE DEATH WHICH WILL EAT US ALL!



ENDSVILLE



The Conversion of President Nixnerk

PREZ NIXNERK CALLED TOGETHER ALL HIS ADVISERS AND ALL HIS GENERALS TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF THE LEGION OF CHARLIES.

"WELL BLOYS," SAID THE INEBRIATED PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, "WHAT ARE WE-- HIC-- GOING TO DO NOW?! I'VE BEEN PUBLICLY EMBARRASSED ON NATIONAL T.V.!"

"EASY, MY BUDDY," SAID HIS CLOSEST FRIEND BEBE REPLOGGLE. "TAKE ANOTHER SIP OF THIS, IT'S GOOD FOR YOU"

THE PREZ WIPED THE TEARS AWAY FROM HIS EYES AND TOOK A BIG SWALLOW OF RED MOUNTAIN. THEN HE TIGHTENED HIS TIE SO HIS HEAD WOULN'T FALL OFF AND PUT ON HIS BEST GRIM SMILE. HE HUNCHED FORWARD WITH HIS ELBOWS ON THE BIG POLISHED OAK TABLE "L-L-LISTEN FELLOWS... YOU GOTTA HELP ME OUT.. THE ELECTION IS C-C-COMING AND MY IMAGE IS ALL F-F-F-FUCKED UP AGAIN!" HIS FACE FELL FORWARD INTO HIS HANDS AND HE BEGAN TO SOB VIOLENTLY.

A SKINNY WRAITH-LIKE SOLDIER GOT UP FROM HIS CHAIR AND PUT HIS ARMS AROUND PRESIDENT NIXNERK. IT WAS GENERAL BUCKEYE DEATHFACE DEVORE, THE LAST SURVIVOR OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR. ACTUALLY THERE WAS SOME QUESTION AS TO WHETHER HE WAS A LEGITIMATE "SURVIVOR", SINCE THERE WAS SOME QUESTION AS TO WHETHER HE WAS LEGITIMATELY "ALIVE". SOME SAID HE WAS A ZOMBIE - A SOUL-LESS CORPSE THAT REFUSED TO DIE. OTHERS CLAIMED HE WAS AN ANDROID CONSTRUCTED BY THE SOUTH DURING THE LAST MONTHS OF THE WAR. MOST OF THE PEOPLE AT THE PENTAGON PRETENDED HE DIDN'T EXIST. AT CONFERENCES THERE WOULD ALWAYS BE ABOUT TEN EMPTY SEATS ON EITHER SIDE OF THE OLD WARRIOR...

WHEN OLD BUCKEYE SPOKE HIS VOICE WAS LIKE A DEATH RATTLE IN AN EMPTY TOMB: "MY PRESIDENT, ALLOW ME TO TELL YOU THE PLAN WHICH I HAVE CONCEIVED... THE PERFECT PLAN TO GET RID OF THE LEGION OF CHARLIES... WE WILL BRING BACK THE WAR DEAD FROM VIET NAM AND FEED THEM AS C-RATIONS TO OUR NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS. THEN OUR TROOPS WILL BE

AS POWERFUL AS THE L.C.'S!"

A SHUDDER RAN THROUGH THE ASSEMBLED COMPANY. THEY ALL LOOKED AT EACH OTHER. AFTER A FEW MINUTES THE GENERALS AND ADVISERS BEGAN TO NOD, THEIR LIPS TIGHT IN THE GRIM REALIZATION THAT THIS DECREPIT OLD SOLDIER SPOKE WORDS OF DEEPEST TRUTH.

PREZ NIX LEAPED TO HIS FEET, AS IF A SUDDEN BURDEN HAD BEEN LIFTED FROM HIS SHOULDERS. "O.K.!" HE SHOUTED, "THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE TO DO. BUT FIRST I WILL PERSONALLY PAY A VISIT TO LEGION OF CHARLIES HEADQUARTERS AND ATTEMPT TO EXACT SATISFACTION. IF WE CAN DO THIS WITHOUT SHEDDING AMERICAN BLOOD, TURNING BROTHER AGAINST BROTHER... THEN WE SHALL HAVE ACHIEVED A LASTING AND SIGNIFICANT APPROXIMATION OF THE BURBLEBUBBLE WE WISH TO BEEBLEBUBBLE AT THE CORNERS TO THE UNIVERSE!"

EVERYBODY CLAPPED AND THE PRESIDENT FINISHED OFF THE JUG OF RED AND WIPEH HIS MOUTH ON THE OLD GENERAL'S SLEEVE. A WHOLE CHUNK OF THE GENERAL'S ARM FELL AWAY IN DICK'S HANDS AND THE GENERAL BACKED AWAY LAUGHING AND SNORKING AND SPITTING YELLOW SCUM ON THE CARPETS...

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MEANWHILE, ALL OVER AMERICA, THE CHARLIES WERE BECOMING NATIONAL HEROS. CANNIBALISM WAS THE NEW FAD OF THE SEVENTIES AND WOULD PROBABLY BE THE NEW RELIGION OF THE EIGHTIES AND NINETIES. BIG BUSINESS WAS HOPPING ON THE CHARLIE BANDWAGON, AND THE L.C.'S WERE RAKING IN ROYALTIES FROM ALL KINDS OF NEW INDUSTRIES: GENERAL MOTORS CHARLIE, STANDARD OIL CHARLIE, NATIONAL BROADCASTING CHARLIE, METRO-GOLDEN CHARLIE, CHARLIE MEAT INC., - INDUSTRIES THAT MARKETED ENORMOUSLY SUCCESSFUL PRODUCTS SUCH AS LEGION OF CHARLIES CEREALS, L.C. LAMPSHADES, L.C. CAKE MIXES, L.C. ROOTBEER, L.C. OFFICIAL MACHETES, AND (MOST INSIDIOUS OF ALL) LEGION OF CHARLIES COMIX!



THE CHARLIES WERE SITTING PRETTY IN THEIR NEW 40 STORY OFFICE BUILDING ON A LONELY PEAK IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS, PROTECTED BY THOUSAND FOOT CLIFFS, BARBED WIRE, MACHINE GUN NESTS, AND HELICOPTER PATROLS. IN ADDITION THEY HAD ABOUT 20 PHANTOM JETS STASHED AT A SECRET AIRFIELD, AND A UNDERGROUND LABORATORY WAS WORKING DAY AND NIGHT TO COMPLETE CON-

STRUCTION OF THE CHARLIES OWN H-BOMB...

NOT THAT THEY WOULD EVER USE IT. THEY WERE PEACE LOVING SOULS. AND WHEN PREZ NIX CAME TO VISIT THEM, THEY GREETED HIM WITH OPEN MINDS AND OPEN HEARTS ...

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AIR FORCE ONE STOOD SILENT AND GLEAMING ON THE HOT DRY SANDS OF NEVADA. A LONELY FIGURE CARRYING A BRIEFCASE STOOD ABOUT TWENTY YARDS FROM THE PLANE, HIS HAND SHADING HIS EYES AS HE PEERED INTO THE WAVY DISTANCE. HE HAD BEEN STANDING THERE AN HOUR. HE WAS THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND HE WAS TIRED OF WAITING. AS HE TURNED TO GO BACK TO THE PLANE HE HEARD THE DISTANT RUMBLE OF ENGINES...

SIX CHARLIES CAME ROARING ACROSS THE DESERT ON CHOPPED HARLEYS, STONED ON BENNIES, AND SINGING "LEOPARD - SKIN PILLBOX HAT." "HI, NIKIE!" THEY SHOUTED AS THEY THROTTLED DOWN AND SKIDDED UP BESIDE AIR FORCE ONE, KICKING A POUND OF SAND IN THE PRESIDENT'S FACE. THEY PILED OFF THEIR HOGS AND GAVE THE PREZ THE CHARLIE KISS, WHICH IS TO TAKE A LITTLE BITE OUT OF YOUR LIP AND PLACE IT ON THE TONGUE OF YOUR FRIEND... NIXON COUGHED AND SPIT OUT THE HAIRY LITTLE LUMPS WHILE THEY DUMPED HIM INTO A SIDECAR AND RUMBLED OFF OVER THE DUNES TOWARD A SECRET MOUNTAIN TRAIL...

"MY PRESIDENTE!" RUSTY KALI BOWED HUMBLY IN ORIENTAL ROBES AND DOFFED HIS FIDEL CASTRO HAT AS THE L.C.'S USHERED THE NIX INTO HIS PRESENCE.

NIXON'S EYES GREW LARGE AS HE SAW THE FORMER WAR HERO, WHO NOW SEEMED TO STAND TWICE AS TALL AND TEN TIMES AS STRONG. THEN THE PREZ TOOK IN THE SCENERY: PLUSH DRAPES, MARBLE PILLARS, STEAMING POOL FULL OF BASKING NUBILE MAIDENS, STEAMING POOL FULL OF BASKING NUBILE MAIDENS... NIKER'S EYES POPPED AND KALI CHUCKLED UNDER HIS BEARD. "WE CALL IT HOME, MY PRESIDENTE. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE BEEN VERY KIND TO US! WOULD THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES LIKE TO WASH UP BEFORE... UH... DINNER?"



"UH... WHY YES, JUST TELL ME WHERE THE WASHROOM IS AND I'LL..." BEFORE HE COULD FINISH, THREE BRAWNY CHARLIES HAD SWEPT HIM OFF HIS FEET AND RIPPED HIS CLOTHES OFF. THEN THEY SET HIM ON A PEDISTAL SO EVERYONE COULD SEE, AS THE PROPHET SAYS, THAT "EVEN THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES MUST SOMETIME STAND NAKED..."

THE EYES OF ALL THE CHARLIES FASTENED ON THE NUDE NIX. A STARTLED "WOO!" ECHOED AGAINST THE VAULTED CEILING. FOUR CHICKS FAINTED AND FELL INTO THE POOL. "OH MAN, I NEVER KNEW - WHAT A BEAUTIFUL BODY HE HAS!" IT WAS TRUE. HIS SECRET HOBBY WAS BODY-BUILDING, AND OVER THE YEARS - EVER SINCE HE HAD SERVED AS VICE PRESIDENT UNDER EISENHOWER - HE HAD ACQUIRED ONE OF THE MOST LUSCIOUS HE-MAN BODIES IN AMERICA. UNFORTUNATELY, HIS 1/2 INCH JOINT TENDED TO MAKE THE WHOLE THING SEEM RIDICULOUS.

THE CHARLIES LIFTED BIG NIXNERK ON THEIR SHOULDERS AND CARRIED HIM TO THE STEAMING POOL. HE PROTESTED, BUT THEY DUMPED HIM IN AMONG THE SQUEALING NUBILE CHARLIE GIRLS, ALL NAKED AND SLIPPERY IN THEIR BROWN OILED BODIES. A CHEER WENT UP, AND THE GIRLS SPLASHED NIXON AND JUMPED ON TOP OF HIM, RUNNING THEIR HANDS OVER EVERY PART OF HIS HONORED EXECUTIVE BODY, AND KISSING AND LICKING HIM ALL OVER. STRANGELY, HE CEASED TO PROTEST, AND HIS FACE SEEMED TO RELAX A LITTLE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OVER FORTY YEARS! THEN THE GIRLS BEGAN TO CAREFULLY WASH AND OIL HIS BEAUTIFUL MR. AMERICA MUSCLES, WHILE A BIG SPADE CHICK GAVE HIM AN UNDERWATER BLOWJOB.

NIX WAS (NO KIDDING) LAUGHING AND SMILING AS THEY CARRIED HIM OUT OF THE POOL AND DRIED HIM OFF. JUST LIKE A BOY HE WAS THEN, THE WATERS SEEMED TO HAVE HAD A SALUTARY EFFECT, BRINGING A YOUTHFUL GLEAM TO HIS EYE ...

BIG RUSTY STEPPED FORWARD IN HIS FLOWING ORANGE ROBES AND TOOK THE PRESIDENT'S HAND. "CONGRATULATIONS, MY PRESIDENTE, YOU HAVE RECEIVED BAPTISM IN THE WORD OF CHARLIE. NOW IF YOU WILL STEP THIS WAY INTO THE CHAPEL... THE SACRED EATING CEREMONY IS ABOUT TO BEGIN..."

"OH?" SAID NIX, RAISING AN EYEBROW.

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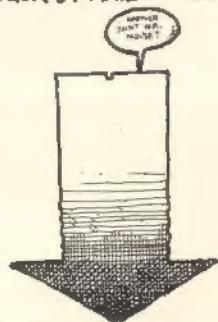


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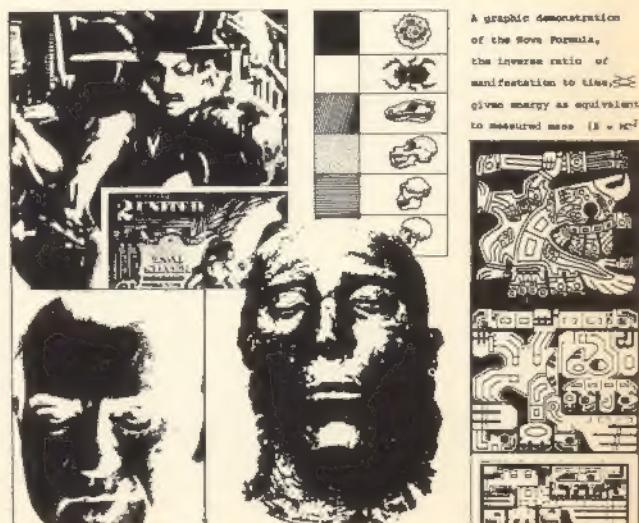
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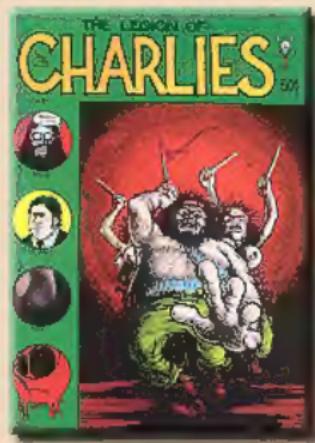
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